

<p><b>Cover:</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> rdg</b>  <i>Let's take a look at the cover of this book. Here's the title, A Hat for Minerva Louise. Janet Morgan Stoeke wrote this story_ she's the author. I think this hen (point to her) is Minerva Louise. Let's find out.</i></p>	<p><b>P 1 Read 1</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> rdg</b>  <i>Minerva Louise is the <b>hen</b> and she is sitting on her <b>nest</b>. Here's the snow falling. Point to the hen, nest, and snow.</i></p>	<p><b>P 2-3 Read</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> rdg</b>  <i>Run your finger along the row of <b>hens</b>. The chickens live in a chicken house called a coop. Some of the hens are not interested in the snow at all, they just want to sit on their nests and stay warm, with their heads tucked under their wings. Point to the hens.</i></p>
<p><b>P 4-5 Read</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> rdg</b>  <i>Minerva Louise (point) thinks the snow will be fun. She's trying to decide where to <b>explore</b> first. She thinks everything is beautiful in the snow.</i></p>	<p><b>P 6-7 Read P 6</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> rdg</b>  <i>It looks like she is getting cold. (Point to the hen) Do you see these wiggly lines? (Point to the lines.) Minerva Louise is <b>shivering</b>, her body is shaking because it is cold. Point to the <b>scarecrow</b> as you read the words like you on page 7. Minerva Louise is talking to a <b>scarecrow</b>. Which she thinks is a real live person. A <b>scarecrow</b> isn't a real live person, it's just a bunch of old clothes stuffed with hay or grass. It scares birds away from corn growing in fields.</i></p>	<p><b>P 8-9 Read</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> rdg</b>  <i>Point to the hose. Oh that's funny! Minerva Louis thinks this garden hose is a <b>scarf</b>! It isn't , it's a <b>garden hose</b>. A <b>scarf</b> is a long piece of fabric that we wrap around our necks to keep our necks warm in the winter. Gesture to your own neck and collar area.</i></p>
<p><b>P 10-11 Read 10</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> rdg</b>  <i>Point to the <b>gloves</b> as you read P 10. Oh, she thinks the <b>gloves</b> are for her feet! She's all mixed up!  Point to the <b>flowerpot</b> as you read P 11. Oh, dear! She thinks that upside down <b>flowerpot</b> is a hat! But it's really just a pot for growing plants, just like the one beside it. (Point to the pot with stems) Minerva Louise is really mixed up!</i></p>	<p><b>P 12-13 Read</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> rdg</b>  <i>With an incredulous tone of voice, say something like, Oh, dear! Minerva Louise tried to put <b>the flowerpot</b> on herself, like a hat.  Point to the <b>boot</b>. I don't think she knows that this is a <b>boot</b>.</i></p>	<p><b>P 14-15 Read 14</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> rdg</b>  <b>Read P 14</b> with emphasis on <b>must</b>. Then point to the row of hats and make a face to indicate that Minerva Louise has really missed something. <i>She didn't look up!</i>  <b>Read P 15</b> Point to the fluffy hats on the garbage can lid, light fixture, and car.</p>
<p><b>P 16-17 Read 16</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> rdg</b>  <i>She finally found a real hat on a head. Point to the snowman's hat.  <b>Read 17</b>  Oh, she sees something that looks a lot like the colors in the hat. (Point to the edge of the mitten) I wonder what it could be.</i></p>	<p><b>P 18-19 Read</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> rdg</b>  Point to the mitten on Minerva Louise's head as you <b>read P 18</b>. <i>It's not two hats (say with incredulous tone) it's two (pause) mittens. Yes, it's two mittens connected with a string. Oh, that Minerva Louise! She doesn't even know that those mittens are not two hats!</i></p>	<p><b>P 20-21 Read</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> rdg</b>  <i>She looks very happy, doesn't she? (Point to Minerva Louise's facial expression) She's very happy with the hats she has. Well, Minerva Louise found a hat after all, Why did Minerva Louise think that these mittens are hats?....</i></p>

**Story Discussion:** **1<sup>st</sup> rdg**  
*I wonder how the mittens got there in the snow. Do you have any ideas? Why do you think Minerva Louise is so happy with her hats?*